

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please CANCEL claims 27-34 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the recited subject matter.

Please ADD new claims 35-42, as follows. For the Examiner's convenience, all claims currently presented are reproduced below.

1-34. (Canceled)

35. (New) A moving/guiding apparatus comprising:

a first movable body and a second movable body guided to move in intersecting directions, arranged at vertically different positions, and restrained in a vertical direction;

first and second actuators for driving said first and second movable bodies in the intersecting directions;

a third movable body guided to be movable on a surface plate in a moving direction of said first movable body and in a moving direction of said second movable body, and driven in two intersecting directions upon reception of forces from guide surfaces in a horizontal direction of said first and second movable bodies;

first and second radial bearings for guiding one side of said first movable body and one side of said second movable body, respectively, and restraining said first and second movable bodies, respectively, in all directions, except for the movable direction; and

third and fourth bearings for guiding the other side of said first movable body and the other side of said second movable body, respectively, and restraining said first and second movable bodies in the vertical direction.

36. (New) The apparatus according to claim 35, further comprising a vacuum container for accommodating said first, second and third movable bodies, wherein said first and second actuators are set outside said vacuum container.

37. (New) The apparatus according to claim 36, further comprising:
a rigid body for transmitting driving forces from said first and second actuators to said first and second movable bodies, and
a seal for sealing said rigid body and said vacuum container with a labyrinth seal structure.

38. (New) The apparatus according to claim 35, further comprising a static pressure bearing for guiding said first, second, and third movable bodies.

39. (New) The apparatus according to claim 35, wherein said first and second actuators are ultrasonic linear motors.

40. (New) The apparatus according to claim 35, wherein
said first actuator includes a pair of linear motors for transmitting driving forces to two sides of said first movable body, and
said second actuator includes a pair of linear motors for transmitting driving forces to two sides of said second movable body.

41. (New) An exposure apparatus that uses the moving/guiding apparatus according to claim 35 in an exposure operation.

42. (New) A semiconductor device manufacturing method comprising the steps of:
setting a group of manufacturing apparatuses, including the exposure apparatus according to claim 41, for performing respective types of processes, in a semiconductor manufacturing factory; and

manufacturing a semiconductor device in accordance with a plurality of processes performed by using the group of manufacturing apparatuses.